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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC RISES 3.6% IN DECEMBER;
DECLINES 2.3% FOR ALL OF 1991

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 16, 1992 -- Airline passenger traffic increased 3.6 percent in December, compared with the same month last year, but was down 2.3 percent for 1991, the Air Transport Association reported today. The 1991 results represent the first annual decline in revenue passenger miles since 1981, when a recession and high fuel prices resulted in a similar downturn.

In domestic service, traffic increased 3.5 percent in December. Available seat miles were down 2.6 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 61.9 percent, up from 58.3 percent for December, 1990. Passenger enplanements increased 2.9 percent to 33.6 million.

In international service, traffic in December was up 3.8 percent. Available seat miles increased 2.5 percent. The load factor averaged 65.0 percent, compared with 64.2 percent for December 1990. 3.1 million passengers were enplaned in December 1991, down 1.0 percent from the same period last year.

For the year, domestic traffic decreased 2.6 percent, and available seat miles were down 3.8 percent. The load factor

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increased slightly to 61.3 percent. Passenger enplanements were down 3.1 percent, with 400.4 million passengers.

International traffic for the year was down 1.5 percent. The available seat miles increased 0.9 percent, and the load factor averaged 67.4 percent, down from 69.0 percent last year. The number of passengers decreased 5.8 percent to 38.7 million.

Traffic figures for Pan Am, which operated for four days in December, were not available. An estimate of their results has been included.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

DECEMBER 1991 - 1990

	DECEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,576	32,637	2.9	400,435	413,306	(3.1)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	27,772,201	26,841,071	3.5	328,345,983	337,104,852	(2.6)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	44,845,176	46,051,551	(2.6)	535,521,648	556,882,082	(3.8)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	61.9	58.3		61.3	60.5	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,095	3,127	(1.0)	38,691	41,083	(5.8)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	9,281,110	8,939,784	3.8	114,331,485	116,026,183	(1.5)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	14,271,548	13,921,913	2.5	169,589,247	168,071,919	.9
LOAD FACTOR (%)	65.0	64.2		67.4	69.0	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	36,671	35,764	2.5	439,126	454,389	(3.4)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	37,053,311	35,780,855	3.6	442,677,468	453,131,035	(2.3)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	59,116,724	59,973,464	(1.4)	705,110,895	724,954,001	(2.7)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.7	59.7		62.8	62.5	

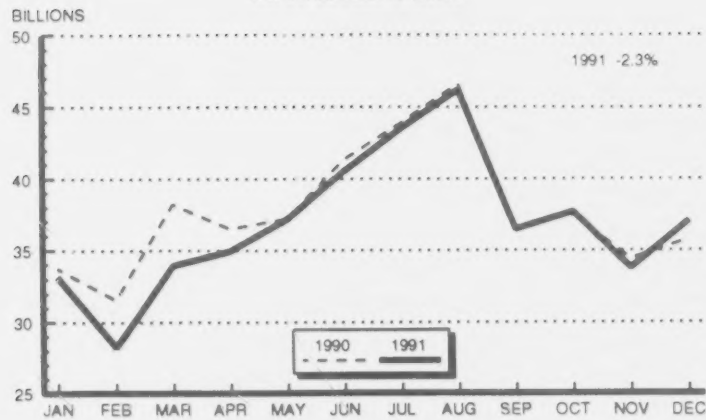
NOTE: PAN AMERICAN NUMBERS FOR DECEMBER ARE ESTIMATED.

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, SOUTHWEST, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

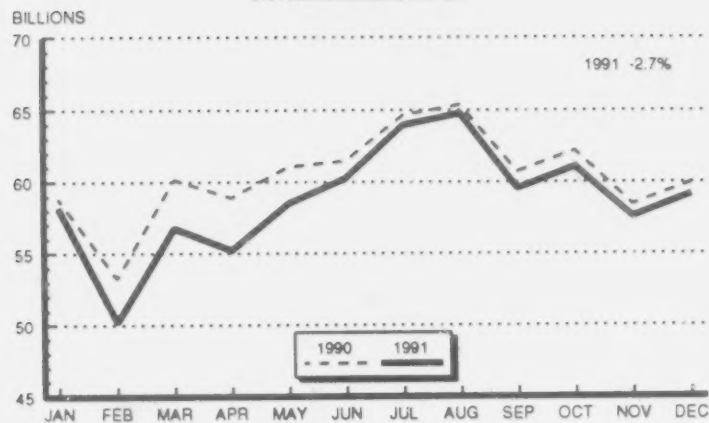
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)</u>	<u>ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE</u>	<u>AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)</u>	<u>ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE</u>	<u>LOAD FACTOR</u>	<u>PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)</u>	<u>ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE</u>
1990							
January	33,727,179	6.1	58,813,269	3.9	57.3	34,072	2.7
February	31,540,592	8.7	53,262,638	4.4	59.2	33,182	5.2
March	38,202,361	7.3	60,147,805	9.8	63.5	40,079	4.6
April	36,492,221	10.1	58,905,308	10.2	62.0	37,898	7.1
May	37,185,400	6.3	61,035,252	9.1	60.9	37,894	2.8
June	41,331,085	4.3	61,456,723	8.2	67.3	40,381	0.5
July	43,889,484	6.0	64,651,821	8.7	67.9	41,644	2.3
August	46,595,421	6.2	65,367,768	8.0	71.3	44,386	2.7
September	36,495,556	6.3	60,715,004	7.1	60.1	35,392	2.2
October	37,474,970	4.8	62,194,874	7.8	60.3	37,943	0.9
November	34,415,911	3.1	58,430,075	5.8	58.9	35,754	(0.9)
December	35,780,855	3.1	59,973,464	3.6	59.7	35,764	(0.5)
TOTAL 1990	453,131,035	6.0	724,954,001	7.2	62.5	454,389	2.4
Jan - Dec	453,131,035	6.0	724,954,001	7.2	62.5	454,389	2.4
1991							
January	33,156,624	(1.7)	58,193,663	(1.1)	57.0	33,323	(2.2)
February	28,279,361	(10.3)	50,220,485	(5.7)	56.3	30,818	(7.1)
March	33,935,173	(11.2)	56,769,427	(5.6)	59.8	35,939	(10.3)
April	34,954,831	(4.2)	55,215,703	(6.3)	63.3	36,323	(4.2)
May	37,140,645	(0.1)	58,502,714	(4.1)	63.5	37,432	(1.2)
June	40,520,470	(2.0)	60,228,843	(2.0)	67.3	38,956	(3.5)
July	43,535,541	(0.8)	63,941,255	(1.1)	68.1	41,106	(1.3)
August	46,185,842	(0.9)	64,737,215	(1.0)	71.3	42,925	(3.3)
September	36,470,419	(0.1)	59,538,782	(1.9)	61.3	34,604	(2.2)
October	37,683,000	0.6	61,048,393	(1.8)	61.7	37,159	(2.1)
November	33,762,251	(1.9)	57,597,691	(1.4)	58.6	33,870	(5.3)
December	37,053,311	3.6	59,116,724	(1.4)	62.7	36,671	2.5
TOTAL 1991	442,677,468	(2.3)	705,110,895	(2.7)	62.8	439,126	(3.4)

PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES

